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Jagroop Singh

S/o Sh. Baldev Singh,

Village - Manihala Jai Singh,

Tehsil - Patti,

Distt. - Tarn Taran - 143304 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Social Audit Unit, MGNREGA, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Social Audit Unit, MGNREGA, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 336 of 2022

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Narinder Singh, State Audit Expert, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 28.04.2021. First appeal is dated 07.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2022.

Sh. Narinder Singh, State Audit Expert, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information, demanded through RTI request, could not supplied to the appellant as it is regarding copies of Educational qualification of Sh. Harbinder Singh posted as B. R. P., which is 'personal information'.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 632 dated 24.05.2022, signed by PIO of office of Joint Development Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that a reply has already been given to the appellant intimating that information could not supplied to the appellant as information demanded through RTI request is regarding copies of Educational qualification of Sh. Harbinder Singh, posted as B. R. P., which is 'personal information'.

The appellant, Sh. Jagroop Singh is not present in today's hearing

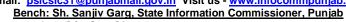
An opportunity is given to the appellant to file a reply mentioning what public interest is involved in the disclosure of information, which has been sought by him through RTI request by the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th December, 2022(Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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Kulvir Singh Bains S/o Sh. Sital Dass,

Village – Rajjowal, P. O. – Kot Badal Khan, Tehsil – Phillaur,

Distt. - Jalandhar - 144039(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Block Development

and Panchayat Officer,

Enl: RTI Request Nurmahal, Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 328 of 2022

Present: Sh. Kulvir Singh Bains, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 12.10.2021. First appeal is dated 17.11.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Kulvir Singh Bains, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to PIO of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nurmahal, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 8th December, 2022(Thursday) at 11:00 A. M.

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Jagroop Singh

S/o Sh. Baldev Singh,

Village - Manihala Jai Singh,

Tehsil - Patti,

Distt. - Tarn Taran - 143304 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Social Audit Unit, MGNREGA, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Social Audit Unit, MGNREGA, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 337 of 2022

Present: None on behalf of the appellant in person.

Sh. Narinder Singh, State Audit Expert, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 28.04.2021. First appeal is dated 07.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2022.

Sh. Narinder Singh, State Audit Expert, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information, demanded through RTI request, could not supplied to the appellant as it is regarding copies of Educational qualification of Ms. Mandeep Kaur, posted as D. R. P, which is 'personal information'.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 633 dated 24.05.2022, signed by PIO of office of Joint Development Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that a reply has already been given to the appellant intimating that information could not supplied to the appellant as information demanded through RTI request is regarding copies of Educational qualification of Ms. Mandeep Kaur, posted as D. R. P., which is 'personal information'.

The appellant, Sh. Jagroop Singh is not present in today's hearing

An opportunity is given to the appellant to file a reply mentioning what public interest is involved in the disclosure of information, which has been sought by him through RTI request by the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th December</u>, <u>2022(Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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Jatinder Singh

S/o Sh. Balwinder Singh, Village – Bahadur Khera, Tehsil – Abohar,

Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Abohar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner(Dev.), Fazilka (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 339 of 2022

V/s

Present: Sh. Jatinder Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 01.10.2021. First appeal is dated 16.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.02.2022.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2047-48 dated 30.05.2022 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Abohar, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 2046 dated 30.05.2022. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jatinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date

An opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

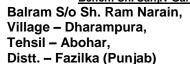
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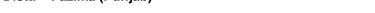
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....Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Encl : RTI request Block Khuia Sarwar at Abohar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 341 of 2022

V/s

Present: Sh. Balram, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 07.09.2021. First appeal is dated 06.10.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.01.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Balram, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of seven months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to PIO of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Khuia Sarwar at Abohar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th December, 2022(Thursday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sat Dev S/o Sh. Jot Ram S/o Sh. Nikku Ram, Dhaani Bisheshernath,

Tehsil- Abohar,

Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Abohar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 382 of 2022

V/s

Present: Sh. Sat Dev, the appellant in person.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Gram Rozgar Sewak, MGNREGA Block Abohar, on behalf of

the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 05.10.2021. First appeal is dated 15.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.01.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Sat Dev, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Gram Rozgar Sewak, MGNREGA Block Abohar, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant today itself i. e. 06.06.2022 through registered post.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant today itself i. e. 06.06.2022 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to represent this case in person or through their representative alongwith the information (already supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 20th June, 2022 (Monday) at 11:30 A. M. for hearing</u>
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<u>Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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Prem Singh S/o Sh. Puran Singh, Village - Nava Salem Shah, Teh. & Distt. - Fazilka (Punjab)



....Appellant

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Development

and Panchayat Officer,

Encl: RTI request

Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 416 of 2022

V/s

Present:

Sh. Prem Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 04.10.2021. First appeal is dated 08.11.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.01.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to PIO of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

> The case is adjourned to 8th December, 2022(Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sanjeev Goyal

S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar, 148, Model Town,

Phase - 1, Bathinda (Punjab)



....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation, Division – 02, Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation, Division – 02, Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 346 of 2022

V/s

Present: Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, the appellant in person.

Sh. Thakar Singh, S. D. E., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 06.10.2021. First appeal is dated 08.11.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.01.2022.

Sh. Thakar Singh, S. D. E., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 372 dated 02.06.2022 through registered post and a reply has also been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO and whatever information has been supplied to him is not legible, moreover, not certified.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO today itself i. e. 06.06.2022 to get the remaining information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the during his visit to the office and supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant and also certify the information, which has already been given to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. The copies of the information to be supplied should be legible.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The date and time of visit of the appellant in the office of the respondent has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

The case is <u>adjourned to 26th October, 2022(Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.</u>
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Ms. Charanjit Kaur (Panch) W/o Sh. Mandeep Singh, Villge – Chahar-Ke,

P. O. – Bhogpur, Block – Bhogpur, Distt. – Jalandhar - 144201(Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Bhogpur, Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 357 of 2022

V/s

Present: Sh. Mandeep Singh on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 13.08.2021. First appeal is dated 05.102021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.01.2022.

Sh. Mandeep Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Charanjit Kaur, Panch in today's hearing, states that he has received a reply from the respondent i. e. signed by Panchayat Secretary and Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, Chahar-Ke Block Bhogpur, on 10.01.2022 through which an affidavit was demanded from the appellant. The letter dated 10.01.2022 is taken on record.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of eight months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Bhogpur, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

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An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to represent this case in person or through their representative alongwith the information (already/ would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 29th June, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u>
<u>in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya</u>
<u>Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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Bikkerjit Singh S/o Sh. Ram Dayal,

Village - Chotiyaan,

Tehsil – Lehra, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**,

> O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Lehra, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab) Encl: RTI request

First Appellate Authority, **O/o The District Development** and Panchayat Officer, Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 371 of 2022

V/s

Sh. Bikkerjit Singh, the appellant in person. Present:

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 09.10.2021. First appeal is dated 22.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.01.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Bikkerjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO despite the fact that he has deposited Rs. 400/- as cost of 'Nishandehi' as directed by the respondent PIO and the respondent has sent him a reply as a status-report 'Nil'.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to PIO of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Lehra District. - Sangrur, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2022(Thursday) at 11:00 A. M.

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Ramesh Kumar S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Village – Bhullan, Tehsil – Moonak, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Anndana at Moonak, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 429 of 2022

V/s

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 29.09.2021. First appeal is dated 10.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.01.2022.

Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, intimates that a letter dated 14.03.2022 has been received from the appellant with the request that various application filed by him to the various offices i. e. Rural Development and PAnchayats, S. A. S. Nagar, Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), Sangrur, Zila Parishad, Sangrur; District Development and Panchayat Officer, Sangrur and Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Anndana at Sangrur, may be filed. She also intimates the Commission that the letter dated 14.03.2022 has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ramesh Kumar is not present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent sent another letter dated 14.03.2022 signed by the appellant, acknowledging that he has received information in Case numbers; 4698, 4699, 4829, 4427, 4426, 983 and 4051 and these cases be filed. It is taken on record.

After going through the above mentioned both letters, it emerges that the appellant has requested to close the cases as mentioned above (i. e. 4698, 4699, 4829, 4427, 4426, 983 and 4051), hence, the above-said appeal case (i. e. A. C. 429 of 2022) be continued and an opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 3rd November, 2022(Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.</u>
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Ramesh Kumar S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Village – Bhullan, Tehsil – Moonak, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner(Dev.), Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 430 of 2022

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 29.09.2021. First appeal is dated 10.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.01.2022.

Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that available information has already been given to the appellant. She also intimates that a letter dated 14.03.2022 has been received from the appellant with the request that various application filed by him to the various offices i. e. Rural Development and PAnchayats, S. A. S. Nagar, Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), Sangrur, Zila Parishad, Sangrur; District Development and Panchayat Officer, Sangrur and Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Anndana at Sangrur, may be filed. She also intimates the Commission that the letter dated 14.03.2022 has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ramesh Kumar is not present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent sent another letter dated 14.03.2022 signed by the appellant, acknowledging that he has received information in Case numbers; 4698, 4699, 4829, 4427, 4426, 983 and 4051 and these cases be filed. It is taken on record.

After going through the above mentioned both letters, it emerges that the appellant has requested to close the cases as mentioned above (i. e. 4698, 4699, 4829, 4427, 4426, 983 and 4051), hence, the above-said appeal case (i. e. A. C. 430 of 2022) be continued and an opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 3rd November, 2022(Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.</u>
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Harmeet Singh Sidhu C/o Baba Kala Finance Co., Phul Road, Rampira Phul, Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer.**

> O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Shambhu at Rajpura,

Distt. - Patiala (Punjab) **Encl: RTI request**

First Appellate Authority, **O/o The District Development** and Panchayat Officer, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 383 of 2022

V/s

Present: Sh. Harmeet Singh Sidhu, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 09.08.2021. First appeal is dated 01.12.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.01.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Harmeet Singh Sidhu, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of eight months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to PIO of office of Block Development and Panchavat Officer, Shambhu at Raipura, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

> The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2022(Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date 6th June, 2022

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....Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer.

Encl:RTI request Khera, Distt. - SriFatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, SriFatehgarh Sahib(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 393 of 2022

V/s

Present: Sh. Harjinder Singh(Panch), the appellant in person.

Ms. Navjeet Kaur, A.P.O., MGNREGA, Block - Khera, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 18.02.2021. First appeal is dated 18.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.01.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Harjinder Singh(Panch), who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Ms. Navjeet Kaur, A.P.O., MGNREGA, Block – Khera, could not make herself audible to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the case.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the RTI request dated 18.02.2021 and the respondent PIO has not sent any document showing that the information has been supplied to the appellant. It reflects that after a lapse of more than one year, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Khera, Distt. – SriFatehgarh Sahib, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is <u>adjourned to 2nd November, 2022(Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.</u>

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Encl:RTI request

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Sucha Singh

S/o Sh. Joginder Singh, Village – Bhikari Harni, P. O. – Kala Bala,

Teh. & Distt. - Gurdaspur - 143528(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.), Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4786 of 2021

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Mitter Vasu, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The hearing in the instant appeal-case, which was fixed to be heard on 22.02.2022, could not held due to technical fault in connection of network and the case was adjourned for today i. e. 06.06.2022.

The RTI request is dated 07.09.2020. First appeal is dated 14.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.10.2021.

Sh. Mitter Vasu, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 04-05 dated 18.02.2022 through speed post. And a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 32 dated 22.02.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 6559 dated 30.03.2022. It, alongwith a copy of reply dated 28.02.2022, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sucha Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is <u>adjourned to 26th October, 2022(Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u>

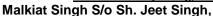
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....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1916 of 2021

V/s

Present: Sh. Malkeet Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Kuldip Singh, A. S.I., on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 02.12.2020. First appeal is dated 09.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.04.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 20.04.2022;

- i) The appellant stated that information at point no. 02 is pending.
- ii) Sh. Kuldip Singh, A. S.I., stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant and a reply was sent to the Commission.
- iii) As the reply was sent to the Commission not to the appellant, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the above-said reply at point no.

 02 to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the reply or not .

Sh. Kuldip Singh, A. S.I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and a reply has already been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 66 dated 23.02.2022, which was received in the Commission vide Diary No. 4663 dated 07.03.2022. It is placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Malkiat Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information at point no. 02 is still pending.

Nevertheless, both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to represent this case in person or through their representative alongwith the information (already/ supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 29th June, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u>
<u>in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya</u>
<u>Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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